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SUBJECT: DAILY ARA SUMMARY - MAY 27-31

1. THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF DAILY CABLES
SUMMARIZING ARA DEVELOPMENTS DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT
INFORMATION YOU ARE RECEIVING FROM OTHER SOURCES.
WE HAVE ASKED POSTS ON YOUR ITINERARY TO REPEAT
CABLES ON THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC
OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHICH RELATE DIRECTLY TO
MRS. CARTER'S TRIP. WE ARE ALSO REPEATING TO
YOU A FEW CABLES ON IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN
COUNTRIES NOT ON YOUR ITINERARY.

2. THE GULF-GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR AGREEMENT WAS
(FINALLY) SIGNED ON MAY 27.
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3. PRIME MINISTER GAIRY IS VISITING CALIFORNIA
MAY 30 - JUNE 5, WHERE AMONG OTHER EVENTS, HE WILL
MEET WITH GOVERNOR BROWN. THE TRIP EVIDENTLY STEMS
FROM AN INVITATION FROM CALIFORNIA LT. GOV. DYMALLY
WHO VISITED GRENADA SOME WEEKS AGO.

4. DOMINICA PREMIER PATRICK JOHN, ACCOMPANIED

BY THREE MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, ARRIVES IN THE U.S. JUNE 5 TO BEGIN HIS STATE-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM.

5. GOVERNOR MELDRUM THOMPSON OF NEW HAMPSHIRE WILL CALL ON THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNOR, AMBASSADOR JORDEN, FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALEZ-REVILLA AND GENERAL MCAULIFFE DURING A JUNE 9-12 VISIT TO PANAMA.

6. THE ARREST AND ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF TWO U.S. CLERGYMEN IN RECIFE HAS RAISED HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IN BRAZIL. THE MDB WITH SOME ARENA SUPPORT HAS PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE CHARGES OF MISTREATMENT. BUT THE GOVERNOR IS OPPOSED AND THIS STEP IS NOT DEEMED LIKELY. NEVERTHELESS, THE MDB IS TAKING THE CASE TO ITS RECENTLY CREATED HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE CASE IS RECEIVING SOME ATTENTION OUTSIDE OF BRAZIL. THE TWO MAJOR CARACAS NEWS-PAPERS OBSERVED THAT THE ARRESTS HAVE "COMPROMISED" MRS. CARTER'S TRIP TO BRAZIL AND HAVE SPECULATED THAT THE U.S. MIGHT CANCEL THE VISIT AS A SIGN OF PROTEST.

7. ALSO ON RECIFE - YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE PERNAMBUCO PARTNERS HAVE ASKED FOR A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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CARTER IN MID-OCTOBER. THE PERNAMBUCO PARTNERS, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OF THE PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS UNDER WHOSE SPONSORSHIP THE CARTERS VISITED BRAZIL IN 1972, WILL BE MAKING THEIR ANNUAL CHARTER FLIGHT TO ATLANTA OCTOBER 10.

8. GUYANESE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS WERE OBSERVED QUIETLY MAY 26. IN A RADIO SPEECH THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE IF GUYANA IS TO ACHIEVE ITS DEVELOPMENT GOALS. EAST INDIANS FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN EVENTS OF THE DAY, CLEARLY SUGGESTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

9. THE LEFT-WING TERRORIST GROUP (EGP) WHICH CLAIMS CREDIT FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR TO GUATEMALA, LT. COL. CASANOVA SANDOVAL, ACHIEVED SOMETHING OF A PUBLICITY COUP IN

PERSUADING THE IDB TO READ AND DISTRIBUTE
COPIES OF AN EGP COMMUNIQUE AT THE BANK'S MAY 30

OPENING SESSION. THE LETTER TRANSMITTING THE
DEMAND AND THE COMMUNIQUE PROMISED TO SPARE SANDOVAL'S
LIFE BUT DID NOT PROMISE HIS IMMEDIATE RELEASE NOR
RULE OUT ANY SUBSEQUENT DEMANDS.

10. IN A MAY 26 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR
THEBERGE, PRESIDENT SOMOZA SAID HE HOPED TO LIFT
THE STATE OF SIEGE IN NICARAGUA SOMETIME IN
JUNE AFTER THE SUPREME COURT HAD ACTED ON PENDING
MILITARY COURT APPEALS. THEBERGE SAID SUCH ACTION
WOULD BE A POSITIVE STEP. SOMOZA EXPRESSED HIS DEEP
CONCERN OVER THE DEPARTMENT'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE
TOWARD PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR U.S. COMMERCIAL
SALES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO NICARAGUA. THEBERGE
EXPLAINED THAT THE MATTER WAS UNDER REVIEW IN
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WASHINGTON. SOMOZA EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION
FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S NOTRE DAME FOREIGN POLICY
SPEECH, CALLING IT "OUTSTANDING AND BRILLIANT." CHRISTOPHER

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